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SUBJECT: TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBITION

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1. UNITED STATES DEFINITELY WISHES TO ACCEPT OFFER OF TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBITION BEGINNING LATE 1976, AND EMBASSY MAY SO INFORM EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES. GENERAL TERMS OF LOAN COULD BE SUBJECT OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IF EGYPTIANS DESIRE, AS MOUKHTAR INDICATED HERE THEY WOULD.

2. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED HOVING MARCH 10 TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS CONTAINED REFTELS. MANAGERIAL ROLE FOR METROPOLITAN IN ARRANGING TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBITION IS SATISFACTORY TO DEPARTMENT, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT BASIC ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH DEPARTMENT AND THAT METROPOLITAN WOULD BE ACTING ON BEHALF OF ALL MUSEUMS CONCERNED UNDER GENERAL DIRECTION OF WORKING GROUP MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE MUSEUMS.

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3. HOVING WENT INTO SOME DETAIL DESCRIBING MORE EXTENSIVE

EXCHANGE PROJECT THAN HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT IT NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR HOW MUCH OF THIS MOUKHTAR HAS AGREED TO. HOVING SAID METROPOLITAN WOULD PREPARE AND PAY FOR MASTER PLAN FOR RENOVATION OF CAIRO MUSEUM. IF MASTER PLAN ACCEPTABLE, METROPOLITAN WOULD AGREE TO FUND

PART OF WORK INVOLVED. IN EXCHANGE, EGYPTIANS WOULD AGREE TO SERIES OF LONG-TERM LOANS TO METROPOLITAN.

4. HOVING'S SCHEME FOR TUTANKHAMUN CALLS FOR TWO SEPARATE EXHIBITIONS IN U.S. OF PHARONIC ART. MAJOR EXHIBIT WOULD GO TO FIVE U.S. CITIES, AND CONSIST OF TUTANKHAMUN TREASURES. (MOUKHTAR HAS AGREED TO INCLUDE PIECES NOT IN SHOW SO FAR, HE SAID, SO THAT IT WOULD NOT BE "SAME OLD SHOW" THAT HAS TOURED ELSEWHERE). SECOND, SMALLER EXHIBIT WOULD BE A "FIVE PHAROHS" SHOW, WHICH WOULD ALSO INCLUDE SOME SPECTACULAR PIECES, AND THIS WOULD BE SHOWN IN TWO OTHER LOCALITIES NEAR EACH LOCATION OF LARGER SHOW. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE LARGER SHOW IS IN WASHINGTON, SMALLER WOULD GO TO BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA. HOVING SEES LARGER SHOW IN PLACE FOR ABOUT 20 WEEKS IN EACH LOCATION, WHILE SMALLER WOULD VISIT TWO PLACES FOR ABOUT 10 WEEKS EACH. (PLEASE NOTE THIS ADDS UP TO AT LEAST TWO YEARS, IF FIVE MAJOR SITES INVOLVED).

5. ON FINANCIAL SIDE, HOVING THOUGHT BURDEN OF INCOME SHOULD COME FROM SALES OF CATALOGUES, REPRODUCTIONS AND RELATED ITEMS, RATHER THAN ADMISSIONS. THIS WILL REQUIRE CAPITALIZATION, WHICH HE HOPES TO FIND IN PRIVATE SECTOR.

6. GIVEN COMPLEXITY OF HOVING SCHEME, BEST COURSE WOULD PROBABLY BE TO FOLLOW ANY GENERAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MORE DETAILED AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPTIAN ENTITY (PERHAPS CAIRO MUSEUM) AND METROPOLITAN. THIS WAS DONE IN CASE OF TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBITION IN U.K., WITH AGREEMENT ON DETAILS BETWEEN BRITISH MUSEUM AND CAIRO MUSEUM. HOVING SAID THAT IF HIS PROPOSAL ACCEPTABLE, HE PREPARED TO ADVANCE 50,000 DOLS. OF MUSEUM FUNDS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADMINISTRATION OF EXHIBITION (BUT WILL REQUEST PERCENTAGE OF PROCEEDS TO REIMBURSE METROPOLITAN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS). INGERSOLL

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